

John Turnbull City's Oldest Resident, Dead

96 Year Old Pioneer
Buried At Rites Held
On Tuesday

Death came to Hastings' oldest resident, Saturday, December 8, in the passing of John Quincy Turnbull, 96 years old, who died at his home on West Third street. Mr. Turnbull had been a resident of Hastings since 1865 when as a 17-year youth he left Galena, Ill., on the advice of an army physician who told him to forget about army service and go west for his health.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. at Kaercher's Funeral chapel with the Rev. F. C. Volzke, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Favorite hymns of the deceased, "Face to Face", "Near to the Heart of God," and "God's Tomorrow," were sung by Mrs. O. F. Wilke and Mrs. Lawrence Matsch, accompanied at the piano by Miss Elizabeth Larson. Interment was in Lakeside cemetery.

Friends of the family serving as pallbearers were, Karl Meyer, Russell Swanson, L. F. Rosenbaum, Richard Arien, Louis B. Matsch and H. R. Elston.

John Quincy Turnbull was born October 3, 1849, at Ellicott City, Maryland, the son of William and Isabella Turnbull. When he was about two years of age his parents moved to Galena, Ill., where he lived until he came to Hastings at the age of 17 years. Mr. Turnbull and his wife, the former Alzada Shotto, were married at Cottage Grove in Washington county by the Rev. E. A. Hart, on December 3, 1872, the Turnbells recalling that heavy snow drifts delayed the ceremony several hours.

Woodworking had been a hobby with Mr. Turnbull since his early years of employment in the Thompson lumber mills, one of this city's pioneer industries. He spent countless hours at his favorite pastime, and never refused to "whittle out" some trinket or novelty that one of his young acquaintances in the neighborhood desired.

In his late eighties and early nineties Mr. Turnbull was still active enough to trudge down town any time he cared to or to busy himself in his workshop at his home. Coming to Hastings when this city was a struggling frontier settlement, Mr. Turnbull enjoyed reminiscing those early days and could recall distinctly many of the events of Civil War days and the development of the Northwest.

Mrs. Turnbull, who was her husband's kindly helpmate and companion lived until February 14, 1938, two months after the venerable couple celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. Since his wife's death, Mr. Turnbull had been making his home with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Turnbull.

Surviving Mr. Turnbull are three sons and one daughter, who are Leslie W. and Everett of Hastings, Arthur of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Robert Buller (Florence) of Victoria, B. C. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, four nieces and one nephew.

From out of town attending the obsequies were, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nelson, Mrs. Mabel Wilkins, Mrs. Ralph Green and Irvin Putnam, all of Minneapolis.